

Mauthausen Memorial Research Prize 2026

In 2026 the Mauthausen Memorial to the former concentration camp will award the fifth *Mauthausen Memorial Research Prize*. The prize will be awarded for outstanding research on the history of the Mauthausen concentration camp complex and related topics. The prize of €5,000 may be split between two award winners.

In awarding this prize, the Mauthausen Memorial hopes to encourage research on the history of the National Socialist camps in Austria. Particular consideration will be given to promoting early-career scholars. The *Mauthausen-Studien* series published by the Mauthausen Memorial provides an additional platform for publication of work meriting particular support. Since 2022, there is also the possibility to publish shorter academic texts on the topic in *coMMents*, the eJournal of the Mauthausen Memorial.

The Mauthausen Memorial seeks to promote research in the following areas through the Mauthausen Memorial Research Prize:

- research on the history of the Mauthausen concentration camp, the associated Gusen branch camp and all the subcamps of the Mauthausen concentration camp
- research on the history of the subcamps of the Dachau concentration camp located today within the current Austrian borders
- interdisciplinary research on all types of Nazi-era camps with a connection to the history of the Mauthausen concentration camp complex, including extermination camps, worker educational camps, forced labour camps, forced labour camps for Jews, Gestapo camps, police internment camps and prisoner of war camps
- research on institutions connected to the Mauthausen concentration camp, for example the history of the penal system under National Socialism
- biographical or collective biographical research on people or groups with a connection to the history of the Mauthausen concentration camp complex such as 'prisoner groups' in National Socialist concentration camps
- research on memorial culture and the post-war history of the Mauthausen concentration camp, research on national and international memorial societies linked to the Mauthausen concentration camp and its history

Research papers on the topics listed above should preferably be unpublished; should such not be the case, the date of publication may not be earlier than three years before the date of submission. Academic theses and dissertations are welcome. Papers should be submitted in electronic form together with a CV and an abstract (max. 500 words) by 30 June 2026 to forschungspreis@mauthausen-memorial.org. Submissions may be made in any language; papers in a language other than German or English should be accompanied by a comprehensive German or English summary of around 5,000 words, on which the work will be assessed. All submissions will be reviewed by a jury. The prize will be awarded in late 2026.



Jury:

Barbara Glück, *Director of the Mauthausen Memorial*

Gabriele Hammermann, *Director of the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site*

Gregor Holzinger *Head of the Mauthausen Memorial Research Center*

Monika Kokalj Kočever, *National Museum of Contemporary History Slovenia*

Bertrand Perz, *University professor at the Institute of Contemporary History of the University of Vienna, Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Mauthausen Memorial*